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SUBJECT: REPLY TO PRIME MINISTER'S CONDOLENCES ON DEATH
OF SENATOR HUMPHREY

1. LESOTHO EMBASSY HERE CONVEYED TO DEPARTMENT FOR
TRANSMISSION TO WHITE HOUSE FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE
ON DEATH OF US SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY:

QUOTE TO HONORABLE PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER OF THE U.S.A.

I HAVE LEARNED WITH SORROW OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR HUBERT
H. HUMPHREY. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON
BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO. THE
UNITED STATES HAS INDEED LOST ONE OF ITS GREAT SONS AND
NATIONAL LEADERS WHO WORKED UNTIRINGLY TOWARDS THE
BETTERMENT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TOWARDS THE ADVANCE-
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MENT OF WORLD PEACE AND JUSTICE, AND AS SUCH HIS DEATH
IS A LOSS TO ALL OF US FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLES OF THE
WORLD.

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ALSO GO TO HIS BEREAVED FAMILY.

SIGNED: DR. LEABUA JONATHAN, PRIME MINISTER OF LESOTHO
UNQUOTE.

2. PLEASE CONVEY TO PRIME MINISTER JONATHAN THE

FOLLOWING REPLY FROM THE PRESIDENT:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I APPRECIATE YOUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY. I HAVE CONVEYED THEM TO HIS WIDOW WHO, AS YOU MAY KNOW, HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO FILL HER HUSBAND'S SEAT IN THE SENATE TO HELP CARRY ON THE IDEALS AND TRADITIONS HE ESTABLISHED.

THE TREMENDOUS OUTPOURING OF SYMPATHY FOR SENATOR HUMPHREY IS A TRIBUTE TO HIS COMPASSION, SINCERITY, AND LIFELONG DEDICATION TO HUMAN RIGHTS. HE WAS UNIQUELY ABLE TO TRANSCEND PARTISAN DIFFERENCES AND BRING FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION TO EVEN THE BITTEREST POLITICAL DISAGREEMENTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY.

SINCERELY YOURS, JIMMY CARTER UNQUOTE.

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